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Are you or a friend considering joining Congregation Sha'ar Zahav? Now's your chance to join and see why over 400 of us think CSZ is the coolest shul in town - because first-year dues are now 50% off! Call the office today to request your introductory membership package.

Here's how it works: If you were not a member this past year, you are eligible to join (or return) for 50% of your normal dues obligation. This applies to the expanded three-tier sliding-scale dues structure approved by the congregation in May. So joining CSZ is almost as easy as purchasing High Holiday tickets - and if you have already purchased your High Holiday tickets, your ticket donation will be credited to your dues.

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in time, energy and dollars.

The Membership Committee created this new Introductory Membership program to encourage everyone to enjoy all the benefits of membership. We recognize that, for most of us, membership dues are a significant commitment and, in some circumstances, have kept people from joining and participating in synagogue life. If you enjoy celebrating and learning with us, we invite you to join as a member. After a year as an introductory member, we're confident you'll want to stay committed to our special community.

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Good-bye to Melanie — by Lea Salem



Melanie Kushnir, our talented and dedicated administrative assistant will be leaving CSZ after three years. Melanie has been working towards a degree in Social Work and wants to

be able to devote more time to her studies.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of sharing an office with Mel and have greatly appreciated her competence, flexibility, good judgement and cheerful attitude. Mel's last day in the office will be October 1. We will all miss her very much.

Melanie and her fiancé, Alex Davido, will celebrate their aufruf during services on October 5 and plan on continuing their involvement in the CSZ community. We will also be honoring Mel's contribution to Sha'ar Zahav at that service; everyone is encouraged to join us.

Seasonal Job Opportunity

Whether you can build or bake, draw or shmooze, we have a job for you! Don't wait until Sukkot begins, call now and volunteer some time:

Dahlia at 415/861-6932 ext. 305 or cszdahlia@yahoo.com.

At Sha'ar Zahav, we would like to give all our members the opportunity to fulfill the basic mitzvah regarding Sukkot, to dwell in the sukkah, meaning to eat or simply to recite motzi, kiddush and the blessing for sitting in the sukkah. Because Sukkot requires so much physical preparation, we are asking all potential volunteers to take this opportunity to help bring Sukkot to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav!

- Bring the spirit of Sukkot to the residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged (October 5, 5:30 pm)
- Bake a dessert for the Jewish Home for the Aged oneg
- Put together and/or decorate CSZ's sukkah (October 5, afternoon)
- Help fill our synagogue with decorative signs of the harvest

There is much to do and literally only a few days, after Yom Kippur and before Sukkot, to do it! That means the congregation must all work together towards fulfilling this goal.

Call now!

October Holiday Events

Please join us for these upcoming events:

Monday, October 1

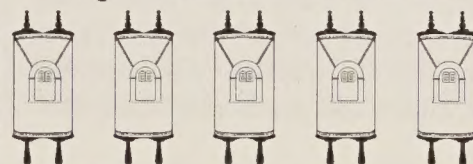
- 5 pm Decorate CSZ
- 7 pm Sukkot Services

Friday, October 5

- 5:30 pm Jewish Home for the Aged Sukkot Services and Nosh

Monday, October 8

- 7 pm Simchat Torah service



Sukkot - Establishing the Impermanent *by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee*

The Torah gets really excited about Sukkot, the holiday that makes permanent, through yearly repetition, the least permanent of structures. Parshat Emor, listing the festivals, tells us to blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, fast on Yom Kippur and gather on Sukkot. The next verse assures us that the occasions just listed are to be observed at their set times forever, which would seem to end the matter. The next few verses, however, go into a breathless rhapsody of detail, traditionally read in an excited and sometimes elaborate chant: "Nevertheless, on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the yield of your land, you shall . . . rejoice before God seven days. You shall observe it . . . as a law for all time, throughout the ages. You shall live in sukkot seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in sukkot, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in sukkot when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the Eternal your God."

No sukkah greatly outlasts the festival. A sukkah should be made beautiful, yet its materials must be as impermanent as the structure itself - life that once grew from the earth but is no longer attached to the earth. The vegetation that makes the roof may not include any wood or straw that has been shaped into a utensil, which would give it a longer useful life if it were retrieved after the holiday.

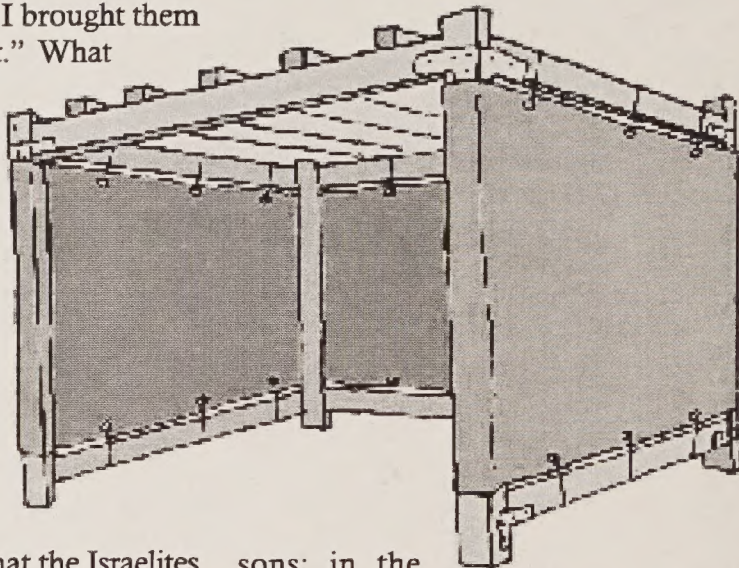
The Torah tells us that as long as there is a human race, we are to celebrate autumn vegetation that is already beginning to fade, and yearly resurrect a decorated lean-to. As the Sukkot reading of Kohelet reminds us, all is impermanent except God. Yet all created things, having their source in God, partake in eternity. No individual may endure, but like the symbols of Sukkot, each species, each family, each people spans countless generations, through repetition.

The same theme, in another key, scores individual lives. Rabbi Yoel Kahn points out that the Torah says we should observe the festival because God made our ancestors

dwell in sukkot "when I brought them out of the land of Egypt." What span of time was this? Despite traditional references to the Israelites' dwelling in leafy huts for forty years in the desert, that period came after they were taken out from Egypt. Yet on the night of the Exodus, there was no time for dwelling, only for moving. The time that the Israelites might have dwelt in sukkot, indeed the time they camped at a place called Sukkot, was the week between the Exodus and the splitting of the sea, when the newly-liberated people were still in Egyptian territory.

Their freedom was new and fragile, as is our new year's teshuvah. Freshly-adopted practices, not yet habits, are as shaky as a sukkah, which is kosher only if a high wind can blow it down. Like a sukkah, they can endure only with God's help.

Rabbi Joshua Shmidman adds that durability is inseparable from the Jewish concept of beauty. The Torah instructs: "On the first day you shall take to yourselves the fruit of a beautiful tree - pri etz hadar." The Talmud analyzes the word "hadar" and concludes that it refers to the etrog tree. "Ha-dar" means "that which dwells," and the etrog fruit "dwells continuously all year on the tree." Rabbi Shmidman adds, "The etrog grows, blossoms and produces fruit throughout all the sea-



sons: in the heat and the cold, in the wind and in storm - it stubbornly persists!... In the Jewish view, that is why it is beautiful, for the indomitable power of life, the determination to live on despite all difficulties, the affirmation of the victory of life over death, the drive for eternity."

As the Yom Kippur Torah reading recently reminded us, we are to "Ve'hadarta p'nei zakein," find beauty in the face of the elderly, those whose endurance has filled them with life experience, even as they draw closer to life's waning. A human being, like an etrog, has a long ripening season. Unlike an etrog, we have the opportunity to shape our own ripening.

As the sukkah's only permanence is in its repetition from year to year, the only permanence of a good resolution is in its constant repetition until it becomes incorporated into a human personality. May we, with God's help, dwell in our sukkot of good intentions until they become solid habitations.

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Who were all those people at the High Holiday services?

Surprised by the number of people that you did not know at High Holiday services? Want to get to know more people and more familiar faces?

Attend our monthly dinners!

Welcome Dinner, October 19

Elephant Bleu
3232 16th Street
(between Dolores and Guerrero)

Meet at 6:15 pm at CSZ or
6:30 at the restaurant

Please join the Keshet (Connection) Committee for the monthly Welcome Pre-Shabbat Dinner on the third Friday of every month. This informal "pay-what-you-can" gathering is for prospective members, new members and seasoned members to get to know each other in a more informal and relaxed setting.

As in our minhag (custom), we gather at CSZ at 6:15 pm and then head to the restaurant at 6:30 pm.

Please RSVP to either Marc Wernick (415/928-7883, mhwernick@aol.com) or the office (415/861-6932, office@shaarzhav.org). We look forward to having you join us.

Hold the date (literally and figuratively) for the next CSZ singles event

Potluck Shabbat Dinner, Friday, October 26, 7 pm

They say the way to a person's heart is through their stomach. So, dust off your *Out of Our Kitchen Closets* cookbook, ask your mother for her special kugel recipe and start reading Martha Stewart's magazine for table decorating tips.

On Friday, October 26, we will meet at the synagogue for a kibbitz kiddush and a mix and mingle motzi; then we will break up into smaller groups of 6-10 people to have potluck Shabbat dinners at people's homes.

Please let us know if you would like to host one of the dinners or if you would like to attend. Please RSVP by Friday, October 19 to Johanna Quashnofsky (415/285-6399, quashnofsky@hotmail.com), Don Fischer (415/841-1922, Donald.L.Fischer@us.pwcglobal.com) or David Friedman (925/838-9975, dafad98@yahoo.com).

We hope you can join us for this relaxing and low-pressure way to meet other single GLBT Jews...the type your mother would love you to date!

Sukkot and Social Action:

Creating Shelter by AJ Turpen

Now I'd like to be comfortable, but please don't let me be
So well-fed and tended, that I forget another's need
No meal ever tasted as good as the one I thought I would never see
No coat ever kept me as warm as the one you gave to me
—"Borrowed Clothes," Rebecca Riots

This verse, from one of my favorite songs, describes part of what social action means to me. I know what it is like to wonder if I am going to have a home the next day, or if my mom will be able to afford groceries at the end of her pay period. I have a comfortable life now, but I don't ever want to forget where I came from. I want to make sure that other people know the same comfort. There are different kinds of social action: the hands-on approach, the political approach and the behind-the-scenes approach. I believe that all three of these

approaches are of great importance. Given that my life has not always been easy or simple, tikkun olam (healing the world) is particularly important to me.

As the new co-chair of the social action committee, I would love to hear what it is that you are interested in doing to promote tikkun olam, and what you are passionate about in this world. What is important to you, and how would you like to give back? You can email me at ajsparkles76@aol.com or call 415/437-6869.

Sukkot Service and Nosh

at the Jewish Home, 302 Silver Ave. Friday, October 5, 5:30 pm

Join us in the sukkah at the Jewish Home for the Aged for Shabbat services, a home-baked oneg and to shake the lulav and etrog. We will join Jewish Home residents and their rabbi, Shelley Marder, in their weekly Friday night service. Rabbi Angel will join us in the sukkah to instruct us in the blessings for Sukkot.

If you would like to join us, please bring the whole family, and a desert, to the Jewish Home, 302 Silver Ave., for an evening of singing, worship, meeting new friends and participating in this beautiful mitzvah.

Please note: We will be done by 8 pm for those who wish to attend CSZ Friday night services. RSVP to Dahlia Gross at 415/861-6932 x305.

Other upcoming social action events:

Wed., Nov. 14, 7 pm at CSZ

A workshop on using Jewish sources, education and political action to examine issues surrounding our prison system and the death penalty.

Please contact Dahlia Gross at 415/861-6932, ext. 305 if you are interested in the prison system and death penalty workshop or if you would like to be part of our growing Social Action committee.

Back to The Future: La'atid Returns

La'atid (which means "to the future") is back. The social group for "the folks who feel young," which formed six years ago and quickly became one of the most active groups in the synagogue, is organizing again. La'atid attracted much attention with popular events like "Bonfire on the Beach Havdalah" and Saturday morning hiking and Torah study. After a few barren years (they say it's good to leave the fields fallow to allow regeneration) we return like a late '80s Michael J. Fox blockbuster, "Back La'atid."

Join us for our first organizing meeting/potluck social at the home of CSZ member Geoff Benjamin on Sunday, October 14, 6-7:30 pm; we are as active as the people who join our group. Our basic mission is to provide a social outlet for members and prospective members with exuberant youthful energy. As before, we do not discriminate based on age, gender, orientation, coupling status, membership or fashion sense (well, maybe fashion sense, but only in extreme cases). You are young enough to attend any La'atid sponsored event if it sounds cool to you and you've got energy to help make it fun. To RSVP for this potluck, to get involved in planning future events or to add yourself or a friend to our mailing list, contact Geoff Benjamin at: geoff@redcottage.com or 415/595-3725, or Dahlia Gross at 415/861-6932, ext. 305.

Synagogue Open House a Great Success



photo by Kerri Schiff

The Second Annual Synagogue Open House welcomed over fifty prospective members to our synagogue with an entertaining program and spiritual Havdalah service.



Adults and children came to find out more about the congregation, meet the rabbi, enjoy singing with musical guest Marsha Attie and have a good time. Organized by the Membership and Keshet Committees, another fifty current members volunteered their time to make the event a great success.

Event organizer Geoff Benjamin was pleased with the event, "We wanted to give people a sense of how intimate Sha'ar Zahav can be. We didn't just want people to hear from us, we wanted to hear from them. We began some wonderful dialogues with some great people."

Attendees were greeted at the door for a "ride" through the synagogue. The tour led them to five stations where they heard from current members about the history of the congregation, about Kadimah, CSZ programs and liturgy, and the significance of the building and its architecture. Lastly, they met with Rabbi Angel.

After this quick introductory tour, our guests were given the chance to "do the talking." Twelve facilitators

led small group discussions on what it means to be a part of a Jewish community, why people are attracted to CSZ and what they are looking for in a shul.

Frequent Congregation Sha'ar Zahav guest song leader, Marsha Attie, led everyone in some beautiful

spiritual singing and was then joined by Rabbi Angel in leading a rousing Havdalah ceremony. Rabbi Angel put it best when she declared, "You all sound so good singing, this could be our congregation right here." It was truly an opening of our home.

The Keshet and Membership committees wish to thank everyone who helped make the event a great success.



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Adult Education Classes

The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai

Date: Tuesdays, October 16 and 23
Time: 7-9 pm
Tuition: \$30/non-members; \$20/members of CSZ or Lehrhaus
Taught by: Dan Bellm
Register: Contact Lehrhaus (www.lehrhaus.org or 510/845-6420).

This course will focus on one of the 20th century's greatest writers, the Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai. The sessions will explore the multi-layered eloquence of Amichai's work, particularly his final book, *Open Closed Open*, examining its expressive power, its depth of Jewish learning, and its political incisiveness about Israel and the world today. Knowledge of modern Hebrew is not required, since excellent translations of Amichai's work are available in English.

Cultivating an Authentic Jewish Spiritual Practice

Date: Tues. Oct. 30, Tues. Nov. 6, Sat. Nov. 10,
Tues. Nov. 13 and Tues. Nov. 20
Time: 7-8:30 pm, Saturday all day
Tuition: \$55/non-members;
\$40/members of Lehrhaus
Free/members of CSZ or Lehrhaus
Taught by: Rabbi Camille Shira Angel
Sponsored by: CSZ and Lehrhaus.

Take a guided tour of the essentials of Jewish practice relating to prayer and study with Rabbi Camille Shira Angel. Topics will include: using Shachrit and Maariv (prayer services) to cultivate the practice of gratitude; preparing for prayer: tefillin and other rituals for the body; learning Torah utilizing age-old principles of study in chevruta (study partners); meditation and niggunim (melodies). The course will include a Shabbat morning service with tefillin, an oneg (Shabbat celebration) and brown bag lunch, and a Shabbaton on enriching our spiritual practice on November 10.

Creating Queer Jewish Theatre

Date: Mondays, October 22 and 29, November 5 and 12
Time: 7-9 pm
Tuition: Free to members; \$40 for non-members
Taught by: Aishe Berger, Ali Cannon and Rebecca Weiner

A four-week writing and performance workshop that will provide students with the opportunity to take work from page to stage, exploring the possibilities of Queer Jewish theatre. The class will include free writing, drama games and improvisational work. Prior writing or theatre background is not required. The class will culminate in a Chanukah performance at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for those who are interested. In addition, more advanced students can continue working on pieces as part of *Chutzpah*, a Queer Jewish show at Luna Sea for the Chanukah season.

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	1 Sukkot 14 Tishrei	2 15 Tishrei	3
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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
4 Tishrei	4 17 Tishrei	5 18 Tishrei	6 Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot 19 Tishrei
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee • 8 pm - Ten Steps to Recapturing Judaism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 pm - Jewish Home Sukkot Service • 6:28 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Howard Steiermann 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah with Parent Open House • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Ora Prochovnick
23 Tishrei	11 24 Tishrei	12 25 Tishrei	13 Shabbat Bereshit 26 Tishrei
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting Introduction to Judaism Class Begins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat Family Dinner • 6:16 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Tiela Chalmers and Nicole Bloom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Sarita Groisser and Randy Weiss
24 Elul	18 1 Cheshvan	19 2 Cheshvan	20 Shabbat Noach 3 Cheshvan
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15 pm - Welcome Dinner • 6:06 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Sandy O'Neill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel
Cheshvan	25 8 Cheshvan	26 9 Cheshvan	27 Shabbat Lech Lecha 10 Cheshvan
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East Bay Services

Friday, October 19, 7:15 pm

Vegetarian potluck,
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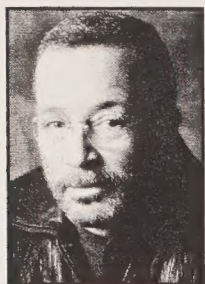
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Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. When there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel



This month's Davener and Doer is long-time member, Allan Berenstein. Since joining the synagogue in the late '70s, Allan has served two terms on the Va'ad; has chaired/co-chaired the Membership, Social Action and Bikkur Cholim committees; worked on the Kaiser Brunch and High Holiday Blood Bank Programs and was involved in the "Home of Our Own" Capital Campaign for the Danvers Street building.

Allan is a San Francisco native and grew up attending Adath Israel, an Orthodox synagogue that his father co-founded. After retiring from the insurance business in 1990, Allan has become a "professional volunteer," giving generously of his time to Davies Medical Center, Family Link, Jewish Family and Children Services Tenderloin Lunch Program, Maitri Hospice, Montefiore Senior Center, Project Open Hand and The Names Project. He has two sons, Matt and Justin, and three grandkids, Michael, Andrew and Kallie, and is the proud companion of Daisy, a beautiful Akita.

The JGF spoke with Allan recently to learn about his years of involvement in synagogue leadership.

JGF: *How did you go from "Jew in the pew" to being one of the synagogue's leaders?*

AB: I grew up in a house where my parents modeled the principles of tzedakah (charity) - meaning both rolling up your sleeves and writing a check. We all had a joke that my mom never met a charity she did not like.

I had joined Sha'ar Zahav after my divorce. I got a phone call from Ron Lezell, who was the treasurer at the time, asking if I could help plan Purim. I hedged my bets by saying I would come to a meeting. Well, I ended up co-chairing our first Megillah Madness with David Stein. We had a wonderful time. It was a fabulous event. The number of people that came to the event overwhelmed me. We were a small congregation but we had a lot of support from the larger San Francisco community.

A week after the event, the committee got together for Hunan food in North Beach. The food was lousy, but the company was great. We really bonded as a group. And we got to know each other really well. It was after that evening and the experience of Megillah Madness that I decided to get more involved at CSZ.

JGF: *What are some of your fondest memories and highlights of your involvement with CSZ?*

AB: There are so many. I remember going into the Danvers Street building for the first time. I felt an instant connection. I also remember standing at the corner of 16th and Dolores watching them hoist the roof onto the building.

It signaled to me that our new home, our dream, would soon become a reality.

CSZ is a special place because of our members' willingness to help others; to reach out beyond the walls of the synagogue and get involved with social action. Our Kaiser Brunch program was a great example of that. For close to a decade, we took people out of their sickrooms and provided nourishment, both physical and emotional, offering AIDS patients, family and friends a brief respite from their illness. We had an incredibly devoted committee that was there every month, along with the bagels, lox, fresh-squeezed orange juice and homemade goodies.

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Inspired by Allan's involvement? Here are some ideas on how you can get more involved at CSZ:

- ▶ **Help those in need.** Donate toiletries to benefit women's and men's shelters in the areas. All you have to do is bring in personal care products (like toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and drop them off in the bin opposite the Oneg Room.
- ▶ **Offer support in times of trouble.** Be part of the Bikkur Cholim committee. Make phone calls, prepare meals, go shopping and help with errands for those who are ill or going through difficult times.
- ▶ **Get out that hammer.** Help build a sukkah at someone's house or donate your sukkah or your deck or backyard space to build a sukkah. This is a focused volunteer opportunity for kids, families and the people who love them.

If you would like to volunteer at the synagogue, call the office at 415/861-6932.

If you have suggestions for a "Davener & Doer," please contact Marc Wernick (415/928-7883, mhwernick@aol.com).

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Children and Family Corner



Family Education Series at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

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Talking About: God

Taught by:

**Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and
Jeni Markowitz, Family Educator**

Saturday, October 27, 10:30 am

Part I. How To Talk With Our Children About God. Appropriate for parents of children up to 5 years old

This program is for parents, grandparents, teachers and others who care for, or are interested in, understanding the needs of children in relation to belief and faith. Rabbi Angel will confront the questions children raise such as: If God is powerful and good, why do many bad things happen? Why did God let grandma die?

Part II. Kids Talk About God (runs concurrently with Part I)

This program is designed specifically for children to explore their own ideas about God and faith. Jewish Family Educator Jeni Markowitz will use age-appropriate activities with a variety of hands-on projects to encourage children to express their feelings and questions on this subject.

Please note that this event is happening in the place of regular monthly Tot/Baby programming.

Save the Dates for other Family Education Programs!!!

LGBT ADOPTION
November 11,
10:30 am

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PARENTING**
Sunday, January 6,
10:30 am

Kadimah Parent Open House:

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 pm

Come meet your child's teacher. Sit in on the class. Find out what is on the agenda for our children's Jewish education this year, and learn what you can do at home to support it.

Family Shabbat Dinners are Back!

Friday, October 12, 6 pm

A new year of Family Shabbat Dinners begins Friday, October 12. Join us for a family celebration with food, song and prayer. Contact Sue Bojdak at 415/861-6932 ext. 302 for more information and to RSVP.

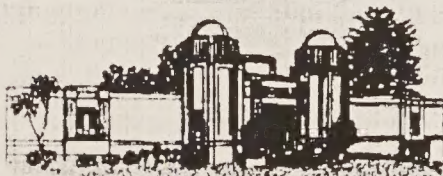
Begin the Year with a Family Mitzvah:

Friday, October 5

Join the Social Action Committee by bringing your family to visit with our friends at the Jewish Home for the Aged. For details see pg 3.

**For more information about any
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Simchat Torah Celebration

Monday, October 8, 7 pm

Welcome newcomers into our community of learning. Simchat Torah marks the beginning of a new year of Torah study. We take this opportunity to give special honor to our students who enter the study of Torah for the first time (our first-year Kadimah students) and celebrate those who are continuing their commitment to the study of Torah (the rest of our Kadimah students including our teens who continue to learn at Sha'ar Zahav or elsewhere). So come dance with the Torah and bring the kids! May we all taste the sweetness of Torah this year.

CSZ Partners up with the 4th La Lesbian La Pena Film Festival

Two Jewish-themed films, *Passengers* and *Escape to Life*, will be shown as part of a three-day festival of films by, for or about lesbians and you won't want to miss 'em. *Passengers*, a short film which screened at the Jewish Film Festival this year, is a moving exploration of the relationship between a daughter and her father as she matures from childhood to adulthood. *Escape to Life*: The Erika and Klaus Mann Story follows the gay and lesbian children of Thomas Mann as they flee Nazi persecution - and their father's shadow - to create fascinating careers as artists and political activists in the U.S. This is a beautiful feature documentary crafted by Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss, makers of *Before Stonewall*, *The Man Who Drove Mandela* and *Tiny and Ruby*. CSZ will be a "community partner" for the presentation of these films and CSZ members will speak briefly before the films. The festival is November 9,10,11 at La Pena Cultural Center in Oakland.

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WZO: International Parliament of the Jewish People

In the midst of the current crisis in Israel, we have an opportunity to express permanent and powerful support for the people and the State of Israel. During these difficult times, we can individually assist our friends in Israel by voting in the World Zionist Organization (WZO) election. The cost of registration is only \$4 per person.

Ultra-Orthodox politicians are threatening Jewish unity and Jewish continuity. Your vote can help to make a difference. Despite five years of progress, Reform Jews and our rabbis in Israel are still viewed as second-class citizens. Ultra-Orthodox politicians continue to prevent democratic reforms. But now there is a way to protect the future of Reform Judaism - and it takes your vote.

WZO elections are held every four years. WZO functions as the international parliament of the Jewish people. Strength in this parliament translates into greater influence of Reform Judaism and progressive values in Israel. This election is the one time that American Jews (and all Jews worldwide) have a voice to decide who they want to represent them.

CSZ members have received a letter from Rabbi Angel and President Lisa Katz. In that mailing you also received a registration form to vote in the election. It's important that each adult Jewish member (age 18 or over by June 30, 2002) of Sha'ar Zahav participates. You can also register online, and learn more about the election process and what's at stake, at www.VoteReformJudaism.com. In February, you will receive an official ballot to cast your vote.

Victory in the election will:

- Give Reform Jews a strong voice in critical decisions in Israel, such as "Who is a Jew."
- Provide Reform Jews with a vital role in making Judaism more inclusive and tolerant.
- Unify the Jewish people during these difficult days on the basis of liberty, democracy, tolerance and moderation.

For more information or if you are not a CSZ member and wish to receive a registration form, please contact Ron Lezell at rlezell@aol.com or 415/626-5748.

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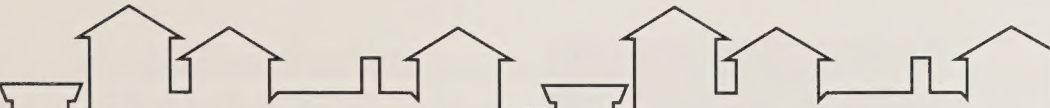
Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain her or his number from the synagogue office.

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations.



August Va'ad Minutes

Laura Lowe delivered the d'var Torah on parashat Re'eh, which summarizes the covenant between God and the Jewish people. Laura focused on the "blessing and curse" placed before us in the Land of Israel. God instructed us to destroy the nations we drove out - meaning people who worship differently. This is a disturbing image. Do we ignore it? Say it is no longer applicable? Our challenge is to find a way somehow to tie this text to holiness.

Members of the Israel Havurah introduced our discussion of a draft letter from the president and the rabbi inviting support for progressive Judaism in Israel. We heard reports that "voices of sanity" are embattled there. We mentioned the concern that a letter which only addresses certain organizations might make members feel that we are rejecting other viewpoints. We have a special affinity with the groups selected, though. We concluded that the letter was an important step, and thanked the Havurah for its persistence.

Administrator Lea Salem noted that the security procedure packet will be placed in conspicuous places throughout the building. Knowing to look at it for clear instructions will help us to keep our heads during an emergency. Membership forms are coming in, and they show that job losses are becoming a factor for our members.

Rabbi Angel began her report with a prayer for the well-being of friends and family in Israel. She reminded us that every moment is an opportunity for us to make a difference in people's lives, through spontaneous acts of gratitude and blessing. She followed up with statements of thanks to staff members, and asked that her acknowledgment of outgoing committee chairs be made public. Many people have applied to be the Rabbi's assistant; interviews will follow.

Rabbi Angel also talked about her pride at a recent aufruf for a bisexual woman and a female-to-male transgendered man. She reported that people were moved by the couple's honesty about their whole selves. They contribute to our under-

standing of authentic Judaism, making the religion relevant, l'dor va'dor.

Educator Sue Bojdak reported that Kadimah starts the week before the High Holidays. We are now fully staffed, and there will be mid-week classes in San Francisco and the East Bay. Madrichim teens will be folded back into Kadimah by becoming classroom assistants. The teachers' meeting will discuss gender issues.

President Lisa Katz asked Va'ad members to call members during the High Holiday season. Members' comments will be sent on to appropriate people for response if needed. Lisa also presented guidelines for members making presentations before the Va'ad and thanked Robert Tat for his help on this project.

Treasurer James Carlson noted that although accrual basis accounting makes comparisons a bit difficult, we are doing better than expected, thanks to Arthur Slepian for the Kol Yad campaign. We cannot relax, however. The deficit in the planned budget remains; we are just in pretty good shape to address it.

Membership Committee Chair Tony Harris welcomed three new member households, and noted that three households have resigned (two have moved to the East Coast). There will be an Open House in August, with the theme "It's a Small Synagogue After All!" The Va'ad membership approved the Committee's proposal to help people more easily reach "the first rung on the membership ladder," by allowing new or returning folks to join at 50% off the regular dues rate for the first year. The proposal also includes follow-up and evaluation.

Condolences

Richard Allman on the death of his friend, David Macy.

Mark Greenberg on the death of his cousin, Fred Siegel.

Bob Katz on the death of his friend, Paul Blattberg.

Marc Lipschutz on the death of his uncle, Victor Barnholtz.

Daveners & Doers

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I have also made a lot of special friends over the years. It was rewarding to see the community come together, offering support during difficult times. It has been particularly rewarding to help organize groups of people to get through those times.

JGF: *Can you offer a little bit more insight about how things work on the Bikkur Cholim Committee?*

AB: Bikkur Cholim is the responsibility of the entire congregation, not just the committee. Lea Salem, our synagogue administrator, is a fabulous resource for the community and the committee. Don't assume that because you know someone is sick or needs help that the whole congregation knows and can react. Contact the office and let them know what you know. The synagogue makes contacts with the individual, family or close friends to get a sense of what is needed. The Bikkur Cholim co-chairs mobilize the forces.

Most of the time we make phone calls to reassure people that the congregation is here for them. A simple phone call to check in and say "Hi! How are you doing?" or a visit really helps boost people's spirits. Members are encouraged to help out with food preparation, shopping and transportation to doctor's appointments.

JGF: *What advice would you give to people who want to take more of a leadership role at CSZ?*

AB: Search out the right niche for you. Find a program that makes you feel good, makes you feel proud and gives you a sense of ownership. A dues check is not enough to help build the community.

Author's Note: This column is dedicated to the memory of Allan's mom, Agnes Berenstein Schwartz. While I never met her, I feel I know her through the values she instilled in Allan. Allan's mom (and her husband Harold) would read *The Forward* cover to cover, watching the developments and changes in the synagogue and be very proud of what we were doing. I am sure Agnes was always very proud of Allan and his role in making Sha'ar Zahav the haimish (warm) place that it is.

Contributions

AIDS Fund

Jeffrey Lilly:

-in memory of Tede Mathews.

Bikkur Cholim Fund

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold:

-in honor of James Carlson for his extraordinary work as Treasurer of CSZ.

-in honor of Laura Lowe and Allan Berenstein for their devoted service on the Social Action Committee.

-in honor of Nicole Bloom for her inspiring leadership of the Ritual Committee.

Children's Education Fund

Arthur Slepian.

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-in honor of Marc Wernick's bar mitzvah anniversary.

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Allan Berenstein:

-in honor of the 10th anniversary of Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart.

-in memory of Bill Schlichter.

Torah Fund

Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem:

-in honor of Alex Davido's entrance into the covenant.

Rabbi Angel's Discretionary Fund

Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart:

-in honor of Rabbi Angel for her loving counsel on their 10th anniversary.

Mike Bromberg and Ken Repp:

-in appreciation of Rabbi Angel's officiation at their wedding.

Prudence Carter:

-in memory of Sheryl Nan Brooks.

Mark and Carole Gothelf:

-in honor of Rabbi Angel and Karen Segal.

Darah Wallsten:

-with deep appreciation for Rabbi Angel's kindness, insight and support.

Susan Weiss:

-in honor of Randall Weiss and Craig Shear.

Rabbi Matthew Gewirtz:

-in honor of Rabbi Angel.

Social Action Fund

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-in memory of Keren Nishry.

Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem:

-in honor Josh Shuster-Lefkowitz's becoming bar mitzvah.

General Fund

Anita Carr:

-in honor of the 10th anniversary of Daphne Stuart and Lyssa Friedman.

Celia Levenson:

-in memory of Peggy Hart.

Conrad and Gail Siegel:

-in honor of Lisa Katz becoming President of CSZ.

David and Carla Cohen:

-in honor of Eve Cohen and Richard Stanley.

Eva Zysman:

-in memory of Dr. Andrew S. Zysman.

Breskin-Ganem Family:

-in honor of the wedding of Ali Cannon and Jessica Israel.

Jeff Piade:

-in memory of David Wexler.

Jeffrey Sherman:

-in memory of Dorothy Sanford.
-in memory of Miriam Kemp.

Joe and Lois Piade:

-in honor of Jeff's chanting Torah and Joe's being given an aliyah.

Jonathan Funk:

-in honor of Marc Wernick's bar mitzvah anniversary.

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold:

-in memory of Joseph Wiseman.

Kesher Committee:

-in memory of Gladys Koyen-Murphy.

Vincent Williams.

Larry McClaskey:

-in honor of Paul Cohen.

Laura Lowe:

-in honor of Alex Davido's entrance into the covenant.

-in honor of Marc Wernick's bar mitzvah anniversary.

Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart:

-in memory of David Wexler.

-in memory of Peggy Hart.

Mark Mackler:

-in memory of David Wexler.

Michael Bettinger and Robert Goldstein:

-in memory of Jim Van Pelt.

Mike Bromberg and Ken Repp:

-in honor of the 10th anniversary of Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart.

Nat Abrams.

Neil and Marlee Taxy:

-in memory of Bernard Pechter.

Seth Charney:

-in memory of Morris Charney.

Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem:

-in honor of Joe Hamble's birthday.

Stephen T. Marshall:

-in honor of Clarissa Kripke's becoming bat mitzvah.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt:

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La Pena Film Festival

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Naches

To **Sue Swigart** on her new dream job teaching adapted physical education at the California School for the Blind.

To **Beth Silverman and Geoff Skigen** on their aufruf and wedding.

To **Alex Davido** on his entrance into the covenant and on his new position as Crisis Intervention Specialist at Youth Alive! / Caught in the Crossfire.

To **Darah Wallsten** on her entrance into the covenant.

To **Andy Schwartz and John Mark Eggerton** on their aufruf and wedding.

To **Steve Weiner** on the marriage of his son Michael Weiner to Annette Bell.

To **Anna and Josh Katz** on the naming of their daughter, Sophia Katz.

To **Michael Bettinger** on the publication of his new book, *It's Your Hour: A Guide to Queer-Affirmative Psychotherapy* (Alyson, 2001).

To the **Desmond Bernstein** family on the finalization of Malik Daniel Desmond Bernstein's adoption.

Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

- 8/11 Oneg by **Tamira Elul and Dean Goldfein** in honor of Dara Esther Goldfein's naming.
- 8/31 Oneg by **Dennis and Davida Skigen** in honor of Geoff Skigen and Beth Silverman's aufruf and wedding.
- 8/31 Oneg by **Betty Wexler and Melanie Kushnir** in honor of Alex Davido's entrance into the covenant.
- 8/31 Flowers by **Allan Berenstein** in honor of Alex Davido's entrance into the covenant.
- 9/7 Oneg by **Andy Schwartz and John Mark Eggerton** in honor of their aufruf and wedding.
- 9/14 Oneg by **Anna and Josh Katz** in honor of Sophia Katz's naming.

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- 5 Avi Goldberg and Will Garcia
- 12 Alex Ingersoll and David Stein
- 20 Felicia Park-Rogers and Rachel Timoner
- Hilary Zaid and Lauren Augusta
- 21 Eileen Levy and Trudy Fulton-Smith
- 23 Steven Gaynes and Richard Bolingbroter
- 28 Bill Goldstein and Chris Archuleta

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

Sponsoring the oneg Shabbat following services is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion. Onegs can be sponsored in honor of a simcha, as a tribute to the memory of a loved one or "just because." The cost is \$80-\$120 and we have a number of available dates in the coming months. Please call the CSZ office if you would like to inquire about sponsoring an oneg Shabbat on a specific date or would like more information.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

- Janet Klein and Lisa Digirolamo
- Randy Blaustein
- Devir Wenders
- Bess-Carolina Dolmo and Amy Kaufman
- Garry Schermann
- Nancy Muller, Donna Blow and Joshua Muller
- Kevin Johnson
- Rocky Feldman
- David Steinberg
- Ellen and Glen Quan
- Elliot and Mara Berenbaum
- Israel Katz

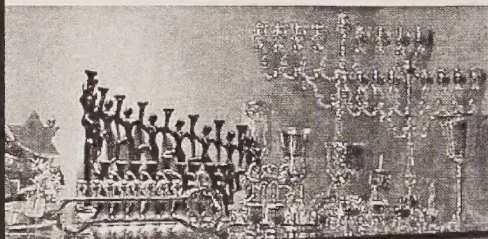
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- 5 Benjamin Bernard-Herman
Tony Enriquez
Howard Steiermann
- 6 Jenni Olson
- 7 Michael Zimmerman
- 8 Kate Adler
- 9 Mike Bromberg
Stephen Hauptman
Lida Pejman
- 10 Susan Shalit
- 12 Debra Chasnoff
Jeffrey Lilly
Beth Sousa
- 13 Anna Desmond Bernstein
David Gellman
Brian Jersky
Richard Stanley
- 14 Michael Bettinger
Sharon Tanenbaum
- 15 Tsipora Prochovnick
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- 18 Steven Horowitz
Frances Stevens
- 19 Lisa Lubchansky
- 20 Donald Berger
- 23 Roberta Achtenberg
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Seth Charney
Ma'ayan Lieberman
Mark Miller
- 24 Rachel Maclachlan
Jake Wirtschafter
- 25 Alison Austin
Judith Cohen
Fran Frohlich
David Kaiser
- 26 Ilana Bernstein
Clarissa Kripke
Sue Swigart
- 27 Joshua Kosman
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- 28 Yoel Kahn
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- 29 Allan Berenstein
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